Commands of Jesus Rejoice Matthew 5:10-12 Sermon Discussion Questions

Please take a few minutes after the service today to discuss together the following questions with whom you are gathered.

- 1. What reason(s) do you have to rejoice in your life?
- 2. When you experience hardship in your life, what is your typical response to your circumstances?
- 3. Have you ever experienced some form of persecution for your faith in Jesus Christ? If yes, how did that experience impact/effect you? What did that experience make you want to do in response?
- 4. Does Jesus' command to rejoice when persecuted surprise you?
- 5. What compels—enables—us to respond with exceeding joy when we suffer for our faith?
- 6. How does suffering for Jesus benefit you as a follower of Jesus?